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Office Action Summary

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Gerald Gauthier

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. **Claim(s) 1-27** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Zuk (US 4,882,749).

Regarding **claim(s) 1, 8, 15 and 22**, Zuk discloses a method (column 1, lines 4-7) comprising:

in response, at least in part, to receipt at a first node of a request issued from a second node to change from one mode of operation to another mode of operation (column 2, lines 27-33):

selecting an amplitude of a signal to be propagated between the first node and the second node during the another mode of operation, the amplitude of the signal being different from another amplitude of the signal during the one mode of operation (column 2, lines 34-53); and

selecting a frequency of a clock signal to be supplied in the first node during the another mode of operation, the frequency being different from another frequency of the clock signal during the one mode of operation (column 2, lines 34-53).

Regarding **claim(s) 2, 9, 16 and 23**, Zuk discloses a method, wherein: the selecting of the amplitude of the signal to be propagated between the first node and second node during the another mode of operation and the selecting of the frequency of the clock signal to be supplied during the another mode of operation are carried out, at least in part, at the first node (column 2, lines 34-53).

Regarding **claim(s) 3, 10, 17 and 24**, Zuk discloses a method, wherein: the amplitude of the signal to be propagated between the first node and the second node during the another mode of operation is less than the another amplitude (column 2, lines 54-68);

the frequency of the clock signal to be supplied during the another mode of operation is less than the another frequency of the clock signal during the one mode of operation (column 2, lines 54-68);

the first node comprises circuitry (column 2, lines 54-68); and

the clock signal is supplied to the circuitry during the one mode of operation and the another mode of operation (column 2, lines 54-68).

Regarding **claim(s) 4, 11, 18 and 25**, Zuk discloses a method, wherein: the first node comprises digital subscriber line modem circuitry that is capable of being coupled to the second node via a subscriber line (column 3, lines 1-13); and

the signal that is to be propagated during the another mode of operation is to be propagated via the subscriber line (column 3, lines 1-13).

Regarding **claim(s) 5, 12, 19 and 26**, Zuk discloses a method, wherein: a central office comprises the second node (column 3, lines 1-13); and
customer premises equipment comprises the modem circuitry (column 3, lines 1-13).

Regarding **claim(s) 6, 13, 20 and 27**, Zuk discloses a method, wherein: prior to the receipt of the request, the clock signal is supplied to the modem circuitry (column 3, lines 1-13); and

the method further comprises, after the receipt of the request, preventing the clock signal from being supplied to the modem circuitry (column 3, lines 1-13).

Regarding **claim(s) 7, 14 and 21**, Zuk discloses a method, further comprising:
after the selecting of the frequency of the clock signal to be supplied during the another mode of operation, permitting the clock signal to be supplied to the modem circuitry (column 3, lines 1-13).

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gerald Gauthier whose telephone number is (571) 272-7539. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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